

# **The Hurricane Contracting Information Center**

## **Questions and Answers**

**[www.RebuildingTheGulfCoast.gov](http://www.RebuildingTheGulfCoast.gov)**

**1-888-4USADOC**

**Q: What is the benefit for my company to use the Hurricane Contracting Information Center?**

A: Through the [www.rebuildingthegulfcoast.gov](http://www.rebuildingthegulfcoast.gov), you may register your company and become eligible for federal contracts. You may also sign up for email alerts which will notify you upon contracts being made available that correspond to your company's area of expertise. The Hurricane Contracting Information Center also provides one place to find information and services that are offered throughout the government geared to help in the contracting process for U.S. businesses, including minority-owned businesses and small- and medium sized enterprises. By calling the Hurricane Contracting Information Center at 1-888-4USADOC, businesses can receive direct business counseling from a staff of individuals from contracting agencies.

**Q: If I register through the Hurricane Contracting Information Center, am I considered for contracts as they come up in my area of expertise?**

A: The first step is to make sure your company is registered to do business with the federal government through the link to Central Contracting Registration (operated by General Services Administration) located in the upper right-hand corner of the Hurricane Contracting Information Center home page. Once your company is registered, we encourage you to sign-up for the email alerts system so that you may find out when contracts become available. These alerts will provide information and contacts necessary for you to apply for those contracts. You will still need to apply for the specific contract that you are interested in obtaining.

**Q: If I've signed up through another agency already, is there a need to register on this site?**

A: We recommend that all businesses interested in federal contracting opportunities in the Gulf Region should register through the Hurricane Contracting Information Center to take advantage of the services provided through the Center as well as ensuring they are included in the list of eligible contractors and may receive email alerts of contract opportunities.

**Q: Does the Hurricane Contracting Information Center award contracts?**

A: No, the Hurricane Contracting Information Center serves as a central point of reference to offer businesses the opportunity to register and become eligible for federal contracting opportunities, to be notified of contracts as they become available and to understand the services and processes available to them.

**Q: How do I access and secure sub-contracting opportunities?**

A: By clicking on the sub-contracting information link of the Hurricane Contracting Information Center site, you can access contact information for the prime contractors to contact them directly regarding possible sub-contracting opportunities. Also, registration through the Hurricane Contracting Information Center using the Central Contracting Registration will allow your company to be in the database that prime contractors may utilize for sub-contracting opportunities.

**Q: Can my business still donate goods to the relief effort through this number?**

A: Yes. Part of the function of this Hurricane Contracting Information Center remains to work with companies interested in donating goods or services toward the relief effort in the Gulf Region.